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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CONSTRAINTS ON SCIENTISTS DOING RESEARCH ON  
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THE SECRETARY OF THE SWEDISH MEDICAL RESEARCH  
COUNCIL PROVIDED THE REPORTING OFFICER WITH THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THAT  
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"IN MAY 1975, THE COMMITTEE FOR MOLECULAR  
BIOLOGY RESEARCH SUGGESTED THAT THE MEDICAL  
RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE NATURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH  
COUNCIL AND THE CANCER SOCIETY ESTABLISH A  
COMMITTEE IN THE FIELD OF RECOMINANT DNA IN  
SWEDEN. THIS COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO WORK IN  
CLOSE CONTACT WITH EMBO, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE  
ARE TO FOLLOW THE GENERAL SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT  
IN THIS RESEARCH FIELD AND TO ASSIST AUTHORITIES  
IN WORKING OUT AND REVIEWING OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS.  
THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO SUPPOSED TO ASSIST RESEARCH  
WORKERS IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT RESEARCH ON  
RECOMBINANT DNA WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVELS.

"THE COUNCILS DECIDED TO AGREE ON THIS PROPOSAL AND  
INVITED OTHER AUTHORITIES TO COLLABORATE. THE FULL LIST  
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OF PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE ARE: MEDICAL RES-

SEARCH COUNCIL, NATURAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL, CANCER SOCIETY, COUNCIL FOR FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES.

"THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WILL LATER ON APPOINT LAYMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LABORATORY STAFF IN THE COMMITTEE."  
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